



COMMISSION ON INSURANCE

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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MINUTES

Meeting of August 8, 2002
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Executive Conference Room

Commissioners Present: Michael Cheung, Rose Reets, Don Lee, Daniel Falcon, Curren D. Price, Rickey Ivie and Scott Svonkin

Commissioners Absent: Barry Binder and Patricia Torres

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Svonkin noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 29, 2002

On motion of Rose Reets, seconded by Daniel Falcon, the Commission unanimously approved the June 27, 2002 minutes.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson did not have anything to report at this time.

DISCUSSION OF MOLD LEGISLATION

Lack of agreement by legislators has stalled the mold issue this year. SB1763 (Ortiz) will not be presented this year but may be considered for presentation next year.

Robert Devereux, Assistant Manager Public Affairs, State Farm Insurance stated that last year Senator Ortiz introduced SB 732 to perform a scientific study on this matter. It was supported by the industry but no funding was appropriated for the study. The industry would like to see the study completed first prior to any mandated legislation.

DISCUSSION OF SUNSET REVIEW REPORT

Chairperson Svonkin, Vice Chairperson Falcon and staff provided a brief history on the Commission sunset review process and provided handouts listing the Auditor-Controller's requirements. The sunset review date for the Commission will be the end of this year and Chairperson Svonkin asked Commissioners to prepare a list of 3-5 accomplishments to be included in the sunset review report.

Staff noted that an important part of the sunset review requires the Commission to list the goals for the next sunset review period and Chairperson Svonkin asked Commissioners to prepare a list of 3-5 goals the Commission could discuss at the next meeting to determine the Commission's direction for the next period.

Staff recommended that the members attend the October 17th Brown Act Seminar and/or review the new material and processes by the Board of Supervisors. It was agreed that Commissioner Reets would attend and provide the Commission with an overview at the October 17th meeting.

COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE UPDATES AND PLANNING

Chairperson Svonkin and Michael Cheung of the Natural Subcommittee met and agreed that the name of the subcommittee should be changed to Subcommittee on Disasters and Emergencies so all forms of disasters are included. The Committee agreed to send letters to State Department of Insurance requesting a number on the outstanding claims remaining from the Northridge Earthquake and to David Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer for Los Angeles County requesting a report showing the County's liability from the earthquake and if it has been resolved.

MATTERS NOT ON POSTED AGENDA (To be placed on the agenda for discussion at a future meeting)

Chairperson Svonkin would like to agendize a discussion of the State's efforts to address unpaid holocaust insurance claims by companies doing business in California.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Martha Littlefield, Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Robert Devereux, Assistant Manager Public Affairs, State Farm Insurance